

Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms (CABF)
Council meeting minutes – January 20, 2015
(Blomidon Inn, Wolfville)

Attendees:

Cynthia Ogilvie	John Boyd	
David Ogilvie	Kim Sweet	Roger Prentice
David Allen	John Churchill	Lee Nicholas-Pattillo

Regrets: John Tonks and Rick Manuel

Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Minutes of December 16, 2014
3. Special Meeting – Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015 @ FBCH.
4. Rushton Lecture and Luncheon – Saturday, June 6, 2015 @ Port Williams
5. Fall Assembly
6. Reports:
 - Financial update – Cynthia
 - Credentials Committee – John B.
 - The Bulletin – Roger
 - Website – John C.
 - Canadian Council of Churches (CCC)
 - Membership – David A.
7. New Business
8. Set Date for Next meeting
9. Adjourn for lunch

1. Approval of Agenda

Agenda agreed to by all.

2. Minutes of December 16, 2014

Lee moved the acceptance of the minutes with one revision: Agenda Item #2 should read:

Roger reported that the committee had a good meeting. John Boyd **excluded** himself from the Committee for discussion of a **credentials** issue. John will rejoin the Committee once the issue has been resolved.
..... **Cynthia second, carried.**

3. Special Meeting – Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015 @ FBCH.

John Tonks will chair the meeting. Meeting time is 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm, coffee and light refreshments will be served. We expect 20 – 25 members.

This is a special meeting. David Allen will send the document presented by the Credentials Committee, with the revisions as noted today. David Allen will send notice to the churches and individual members. The email message from David will include: (1) a link for the document presented by the Credentials Committee (2) notification that members need to pay membership in order to CABF address will be used for submissions/comments. Lee will forward emails related to this to Roger and John Boyd. She will also have had copies of submissions at the meeting.

Action as noted.

4. Rushton Lecture and Luncheon – Saturday, June 6, 2015 @ Port Williams

Speaker: Rev. John Boyd

We will use the same format for the day that we have been using in the past. The menu will be left to the good judgement of the folks at Port Williams.

The **pioneer** will be **Charlie Taylor**, if we haven't already done him. Will be done by **John Tonks**. Other names (if Charlie done) Frank Sinnott or Kendal Kenny, or Hope Konnell.

Action as noted.

5. Fall Assembly

Location: to be decided; Will check with Falmouth Church (Gail Whalen-Dunn) or Scott's Bay Church said Roger. At Scott's Bay, Mary Ann Thomas would need to be contacted.

Topic: Suggestion: Worship in changing times

Date: October 3, 2015

Speaker: Amy Butler, Riverside City; from City Church, Washington, will be asked. This is to be confirmed.

Note: Ian Easter and Malcolm (a friend of Roger's) may be considered in the future.

6. Reports:

- **Financial update** – Cynthia

See attachment #1.

Interest from the Sydney gift will be used to cover the expenses of the fall meeting. Presently, we have 53 members (as of 2014 records).

It was **moved by Cynthia** and **second by Kim**, that the report be accepted.

Carried.

Discussion followed on how to accounts will be set up.

It was suggested that we should have description of each account and how it will be used. Also, we should have a policy manual for activities/events that

we have settled as being held on specific dates, etc. John Churchill will work on this.

- **Credentials Committee** – John Boyd

John Boyd moved that we authorize payment of \$500 to Professor Bill Brackney for delivering a course in Baptist History & Polity, at the request of the Credentials Committee. **Second by David Allen. Carried.**

Roger stated that he has been contacted by another person to be ordained. This person knows John Churchill. This is good work and allows us to start from scratch.

Regarding educational requirements, the course by Bill Brackney is a great example of a good resource. Also, in the future, we may want to work with AST. March 10th is the next meeting date for the Credentials committee.

- **The Bulletin** – Roger

No report except to say that Roger has extra copies of the recent edition.

- **Website** – John C.

No report.

- **Canadian Council of Churches (CCC)**

No report.

- **Membership** – David A.

David advised that individual membership expires as of December 31, 2014. David will send a reminder to the 53 members from 2014 to inform them their membership has expired. Cynthia said she has received some membership payments. (We should have a membership policy.)

Church membership – What constitutes church membership?

That the church sends money, and sends delegates to meetings. The question posed was *‘Should we set an amount for church membership?’* It was recommended that we continue with church membership as it is. That is, we accept contributions from the churches as they are able. It is recognized that new church leadership can make a difference in a church’s involvement in CABF. Mahone Bay is a good example. In 2014 churches gave \$5,600.

Action as noted.

7. New Business

No new business.

8. Set Date for Next meeting

February 17, 2015 – to be confirmed, based on availability of John Tonks.

NOTE: In telephone conversation with John, he is not available on the 17th. The 24th is the better date.

I advised we would change the meeting date to February 24, 2014. Port Williams is the location for the meeting.

9. Adjourn for lunch